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2. The German community knows there is substance to the stories of torture and cruelty but most are not bothered by it. They think force is necessary to restore order in the country, and that it has been exaggerated by the world press. In one case a German speaker was beaten by the Army, but claimed not to be bitter. He said he understood that mistakes are made. Members of the German community are convinced that under Allende the leftists had lists of people to be killed.

However, he admits that the Allende administration never pressured him to tone down his comments.

3. The military government is returning all illegally seized land. In one instance in the German community land was taken by the Allende government unfairly but within the letter of the law. As a result the owner lost his home. It is now being returned to him. Even anti-Americans in the German community do not believe the US had anything to do with the overthrow of

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Allende. General Pinochet seems to be admired by most Germans. However, several who have met him were disappointed and claim he is shallow. The attitude toward Eduardo Frei Montalva is neutral.

4. The Spanish-speaking lower middleclasses in Antofagasta think they are better off now than under Allende. They think they are making economic progress and that the foreign press exaggerates the mistreatment of political prisoners. Many political prisoners in the north are simply restricted to living in a certain town and required to check in daily with the police.

[REDACTED], spent a month caring for political prisoners at Chachubuco Detention Center, one hundred kilometers northeast of Anto. He said conditions within the prison were good.

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